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<b>Official takes responsibility for spill</b>	<b>08/11/2015</b>	<b>Concord Monitor Online</b>	<b>NH</b>
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<b>EPA Faces Unclear Superfund Liability For Colorado Mine Wastewater Spill</b>	<b>08/11/2015</b>	<b>Inside EPA</b>	<b>VA</b>
<b>Top EPA official takes responsibility for mine spill in Colorado</b>	<b>08/11/2015</b>	<b>New Haven Register</b>	<b>CT</b>
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<b>Massachusetts fines Eversource \$10,000 over 2014 oil spill</b>	<b>08/11/2015</b>	<b>Republican Online</b>	<b>MA</b>
<b>EPA proposes new remedy for Savage Well</b>	<b>08/11/2015</b>	<b>Telegraph Online</b>	<b>NH</b>

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### Wastes and Hazardous Wastes (1)

<b>EPA chief to tour mine, source of toxic spill</b>	<b>08/12/2011</b>	<b>USA Today Online</b>	<b>VA</b>
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### Water (3)

<b>Brooklyn company sues compost facility for alleged pollution</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Advocate Online, The</b>	<b>CT</b>
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<b>Guilty plea hearing requested for exec in chemical spill</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Greenwich Time Online</b>	<b>CT</b>
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<b>Americans Become Ill at Rowing Event in Rio</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>New York Times Online</b>	<b>NY</b>
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<b>Smart Commuting Challenge planned at Pease Tradeport</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Hester's Daily Democrat Online</b>	<b>NH</b>
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<b>New Bedford closes beaches, blames it on the rain</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Herald News Online, The</b>	<b>MA</b>
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<b>Revised EPA Drilling NSPS Makes Minor Change To 'Gas Wells' Definition</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Inside EPA</b>	<b>VA</b>
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<b>EPA Outlines Plan For Utility MACT Remand In Opposition To Stay Request</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Inside EPA</b>	<b>VA</b>
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<b>EPA Urges Court To Reject Rehearing Bid In Suit Over CWA Testing Memos</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Inside EPA</b>	<b>VA</b>
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<b>Top EPA official takes responsibility for mine spill in Colorado</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Middletown Press - Online</b>	<b>CT</b>
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<b>R.I. mosquitoes test negative for EEE, West Nile but precautions urged</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Providence Journal Online, The</b>	<b>RI</b>
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<b>EPA official takes responsibility for spill</b>	<b>08/11/2011</b>	<b>Telegraph Online</b>	<b>NH</b>
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**News Headline:** The Climate Trust Announces Purchase of Milestone Forest Carbon Credits from City of Astoria |

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** Veteran climate nonprofit offsets emissions from state utilities through Oregon-based forest carbon project. Portland, Ore. (PRWEB) August...

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**News Headline:** Smart meters pose personal surveillance risks, experts say |

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** ...multiple times an hour. The industry says the meters will benefit the environment and consumers, but not everyone is convinced. "The...

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**News Headline:** EPA chief: Colorado mine spill 'pains me' |

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday her department takes full responsibility for...

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**News Headline:** Kentucky joins in challenging EPA power plant rules |

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** ...has joined several other states in a legal challenge against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its power plant...

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**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press Online

**News Text:** AP Photo/Andrew Harnik WASHINGTON (AP) -- The head of the Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday her department takes full...

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**News Headline:** EPA's Clean Power Plan: Miracle or Misguided? |

**Outlet Full Name:** Boston.com

**News Text:** The EPA recently announced a Clean Power Plan that will reduce carbon emissions from power plants by 32% by 2030, but is it enough to...

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**News Headline:** Environmentalist Laura Turner Seydel named honorary board

member of Quinnipiac University's Albert Schweitzer Institute |

**Outlet Full Name:** Hartford Courant Online

**News Text:** ...recently returned from Greenland, where she was measuring the effects of global warming on the ice pack. "Her passion is the...

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**News Headline:** There is such a thing as being too late when it comes to climate change. |

**Outlet Full Name:** NECN/New England Cable News Online

**News Text:** ...» — President Barack Obama, announcing a plan to dramatically cut emissions from U.S. Power Plants. NBC 4 New York Pope...

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**News Headline:** Obama Issues Challenge on Climate Change With Power Plant Rule |

**Outlet Full Name:** New York Times Online

**News Text:** ...Barack Obama challenged America and the world to step up efforts to fight global warming on Monday at the formal unveiling of his...

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**News Headline:** EPA Chief: Colorado Mine Spill 'Pains Me' |

**Outlet Full Name:** New York Times Online

**News Text:** WASHINGTON — The head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday her department takes full responsibility for...

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**News Headline:** Fight over climate change policy comes to Va. as House Republicans dig in |

**Outlet Full Name:** Washington Post Online

**News Text:** ...effort to give lawmakers the power to block the implementation of federal climate change regulations finalized last week. The move...

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**News Headline:** Coal Revival Seen Fading as India's Rising Output Trims Imports | ..

**Outlet Full Name:** Washington Post Online

**News Text:** ...has made land acquisition faster and easier. We have also worked with the environment ministry to ensure decisions are made on time.”...

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**News Headline:** Officials downstream from Colorado mine spill demand answers | ..

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** ...The 3 million gallons of mine waste included high concentrations of arsenic, lead and other heavy metals. Workers with the EPA...

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**News Headline:** Quincy still working to clean up parks after July storm | ..

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press (AP)

**News Text:** QUINCY, Ill. (AP) - Cleanup of storm-damaged trees continues in the western Illinois city of Quincy where a park district official says workers may be at it for months.

High winds during a mid-July storm brought down large trees throughout the city, including dozens of major trees in city parks.

Quincy Park District Executive Director Rome Frericks tells The Quincy Herald-Whig (<http://bit.ly/1hvYiU7>) that four or five employees are working full time on the cleanup. All the parks are open, but some roads still are blocked by debris nearly a month after the storm.

Frericks says it may be snowing before the parks are back to normal. Park district records show the city's South Park lost 73 major trees. Indian Mounds Park lost 39 and Madison Park lost 27.

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Information from: The Quincy Herald-Whig, <http://www.whig.com>

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**News Headline:** The Latest: Governor: Mine spill will spur larger cleanup | ..

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press Online

**News Text:** ...p.m. Colorado's governor thinks a mine spill accidentally triggered by an EPA crew will move the state and federal government to more...

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**News Headline:** Top EPA official takes responsibility for mine spill |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press Online

**News Text:** ...emergency as the toxic waste spread downstream toward Lake Powell in Utah. EPA workers accidentally unleashed an estimated 3 million...

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**News Headline:** The Latest: EPA chief to visit areas affected by mine spill |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press Online

**News Text:** ...the Colorado mine spill (all times local): 3:36 p.m. The head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will visit areas in...

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**Outlet Full Name:** Boston Herald Online

**News Text:** ...as the toxic waste spread downstream toward Lake Powell in Utah. EPA workers accidentally unleashed an estimated 3 million gallons of...

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**News Headline:** Official takes responsibility for spill |

**Outlet Full Name:** Concord Monitor Online

**News Text:** ...spread downstream, reaching Lake Powell in Utah sometime this week. EPA workers accidentally unleashed an estimated 3 million gallons...

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**News Headline:** EPA Revising PFC Water Cleanup Order After Discussions With Air Force |



**Outlet Full Name:** Inside EPA

**News Text:** Site License Available Economical site license packages are available to fit any size organization, from a few people at one location to...

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**News Headline:** EPA Faces Unclear Superfund Liability For Colorado Mine Wastewater Spill |

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**Outlet Full Name:** New Haven Register

**News Text:** ...waste spread downstream, reaching Lake Powell in Utah sometime this week. EPA workers accidentally unleashed an estimated 3 million...

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**News Headline:** East Providence seeks to clean up coastline for swimmers |

**Outlet Full Name:** Providence Journal Online, The

**News Text:** ...of Environmental Management, that will identify solutions to the pollution and then fix some of the problems, Boyle said. Initially,...

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**News Headline:** Report: Bacteria levels in Narragansett Bay cut by 50% |

**Outlet Full Name:** Providence Journal Online, The

**News Text:** ...phase of a massive public works project to contain and treat contaminated stormwater. According to the latest report from the Narragansett...

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**News Headline:** Massachusetts fines Eversource \$10,000 over 2014 oil spill |

**Outlet Full Name:** Republican Online

**News Text:** ...have been PCBs on it was towed away, the state said. PCBs, also known as polychlorinated biphenyls, were once used as coolants and...

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**News Headline:** EPA proposes new remedy for Savage Well | .

**Outlet Full Name:** Telegraph Online

**News Text:** ...site in the early 1990s. At a recent board of selectmen meet-ing, an EPA expert said a slurry wall and groundwater extraction and...

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**News Headline:** Mine Busters at the EPA | .

**Outlet Full Name:** Wall Street Journal Online

**News Text:** ...are reminded that the villain of that movie classic was a bully from the Environmental Protection Agency. He broke the...

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**News Headline:** EPA Chief Apologizes as Anger Mounts | .

**Outlet Full Name:** Wall Street Journal Online

**News Text:** Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy apologized Tuesday for a mine spill in Colorado that her agency...

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**News Headline:** Keystone XL review drags on 5 times longer than average | ..

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** ...elevated by supporters and opponents alike into a proxy battle over climate change and U.S. energy policy. Republicans and energy...

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**News Headline:** Federal appeals court hears arguments on polar bear habitat | .

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** ...species. Polar bears will largely disappear unless greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced to halt the continued loss of summer sea ice,...

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**News Headline:** Governor says kids should ditch carpools and walk to school |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press (AP)

**News Text:** SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah Gov. Gary Herbert wants kids to ditch carpools and start walking to school instead.

Herbert is set to walk with students and parents from Highland Park Elementary in Salt Lake City on Thursday.

He's encouraging use of an app from the Utah Department of Transportation that lets parents coordinate walking groups to and from school and tells them when their kids have arrived safely.

Officials say the free app called Walking School Bus makes walking safer and easier.

State officials say that going to school on foot helps kids get active and reduces carbon dioxide emissions from cars.

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**News Headline:** Keystone XL review drags on 5 times longer than average |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press (AP)

**News Text:** WASHINGTON (AP) - For six and a half years, the White House has had a quick comeback to questions about its yet-to-be-announced decision on the proposed Keystone XL pipeline: Talk to the State Department.

Under a George W. Bush-era executive order, oil pipelines crossing U.S. borders

require a presidential permit, setting off a government-wide review that the State Department coordinates. President Barack Obama, in no rush to anger either environmentalists or energy advocates, has deflected criticism about the long-delayed decision by arguing that his administration is merely carrying out his Republican predecessor's directive in the ordinary way.

But an Associated Press review of every cross-border pipeline application since 2004 shows that the Keystone review has been anything but ordinary.

Since April 2004, when Bush signed his order, the federal government has taken an average of 478 days to give a yes or no to all other applications - less than a year and a half. The company hoping to build Keystone has been waiting for a decision for nearly 7 years - or more than five times the average.

And while the State Department does bear responsibility for reviewing potential pipelines, former Bush White House officials who helped craft the policy say it was never intended that the final decision would be outsourced. After all, it's called a presidential permit. The revamped process Bush created was intended to speed up, not slow down, permits for major infrastructure projects, those officials said.

"It was seen as the most routine, boring thing in the world," Robert McNally, Bush's senior energy adviser at the time, said of approving pipeline permits.

For whatever reason, Keystone emerged as a political flashpoint, elevated by supporters and opponents alike into a proxy battle over climate change and U.S. energy policy. Republicans and energy advocates have pressed Obama to approve the \$8 billion project, but environmentalists say it would promote dirty tar sands oil and risk dangerous spills.

The company first applied in September 2009 for a permit to build the 1,179-mile pipeline, which would connect Canada's tar sands with crude oil refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast. When Congress in 2012 gave Obama a deadline to make a decision, he rejected the permit on grounds he didn't have enough time to thoroughly review it, but allowed TransCanada Corp. to reapply.

The administration has declined to say what's taking so long, or to offer insight into the deliberations.

"This is under a review process at the State Department. That particular process is a process that predates this administration, so I'm not going to have any update for you from here," White House spokesman Eric Schultz told reporters recently. With a flat "yes," though, he did promise a decision sometime before Obama leaves office.

Under Bush's executive order, the State Department receives permit applications and circulates them to agencies like the Commerce Department, Energy Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. Those agencies have 90 days to offer their

opinions. If the State Department decides to grant approval, it notifies other agencies, which have 15 days to object before a permit is issued.

The final call comes down to whether the project is in the nation's interest. In a major climate change speech in 2013, Obama established a litmus test, saying Keystone wouldn't move forward if it was shown to significantly increase greenhouse gas emissions - a matter still hotly contested.

More than 16 months have passed since the State Department's 30-day public comment period closed. The State Department hasn't disclosed whether any federal agencies have objected to the pipeline, but has said it's continuing to review the application "in a rigorous, transparent, and objective manner."

The process doesn't typically drag on for so long. The first permit issued after Bush revised the process in 2004 took less than four months from application to signature. Express Pipeline, L.L.C., was expanding a crude 785-mile pipeline crossing the Canadian border from Hardisty, Alberta - the same town where the proposed Keystone XL would start.

Even the pipeline that took the longest to approve - the 435-mile Vantage Pipeline Project, approved during Obama's tenure - took fewer than three years, despite requiring complex negotiations with multiple Native American tribes concerned about historical preservation. The 1,000-mile Alberta Clipper Project, which drew legal challenges from Earthjustice and other groups, took 25 months to approve.

"When we brought the Alberta Clipper suit, nobody was really paying attention to pipelines," said Sarah Burt, an Earthjustice attorney. "It hadn't become this big bargaining chip, this symbolic ask of the administration that Keystone became."

Not including Keystone XL, eight applications for new or significantly upgraded petroleum pipelines have been processed since April 2004. The AP's review excluded permits reissued for existing pipelines due to change of ownership.

Piecing together the record of presidential permits is complex because there is no single repository for applications and pipeline decisions. To come up with an average processing time, the AP culled data from the Federal Register, State Department records, congressional correspondence, Congressional Research Service reports and data provided by pipeline owners.

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**News Headline:** Britain's Hammond in China for security, climate talks |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press (AP)

**News Text:** BEIJING (AP) - British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond is in China for talks on security cooperation and a potential accord at Paris climate change talks in November.

The discussions in Beijing come ahead of a planned state visit to Britain by Chinese President Xi Jinping in the autumn.

Hammond was scheduled to deliver a speech and take questions from students at elite Peking University on Wednesday afternoon. He was to meet with Chinese senior foreign policy adviser Yang Jiechi on Thursday.

Britain has strongly endorsed the agreement between the United States, Iran and world powers to limit the Islamic Republic's nuclear program, despite heavy opposition from Israel and some in the U.S. Congress. China has friendly relations with Iran and has pushed for a deal that would end sanctions.

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**News Headline:** Australia criticized over greenhouse-gas reduction target |

**Outlet Full Name:** Greenwich Time Online

**News Text:** ...government on Tuesday agreed on a target of curbing carbon gas emissions to at least 26 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. The target...

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**News Headline:** EPA plan is moving states forward on energy options |

**Outlet Full Name:** Sun Online

**News Text:** ...thoughtful change in the final Clean Power Plan regarding treatment of renewable energy sources. Since the EPA heeded...

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**News Headline:** Study of land snails suggests Earth may have already lost 7 percent of its animal species |

**Outlet Full Name:** Washington Post Online

**News Text:** ...arthropods and all the other spineless critters throughout the world. [ Climate change could give San Francisco the climate of San...

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**News Headline:** RAFT Receives \$15,000 Grant From StopWaste |

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** ...County Waste Management Authority, the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, and the Energy Council, StopWaste takes a...

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**News Headline:** E.P.A. Treating Toxic Water From Abandoned Colorado Mine After Accident |

**Outlet Full Name:** New York Times, The

**News Text:** DENVER -- Nearly a week after the Environmental Protection Agency accidentally breached a store of chemical-laced water from an abandoned mine in southwest Colorado, toxic water continues to spill at a rate of 500 to 700 gallons a minute, E.P.A. officials said Tuesday.

The agency is treating the toxic water as it pours out, said David Ostrander, a regional emergency response director for the E.P.A.

Colorado, New Mexico and the Navajo Nation have declared states of emergency. And the Colorado governor, John W. Hickenlooper, visited the contaminated river on Tuesday, speaking to residents in Durango who have been barred from using the Animas River because of the spill.

"We take this as a catalyst," Mr. Hickenlooper said, adding that there are thousands of abandoned mines in the West. "I think our goal here is to really focus on what we can do to make sure that those mines where we know we have a serious problem -- how can we accelerate the remediation and make sure that something like this never happens again?"

Gina McCarthy, the administrator of the E.P.A., apologized for the accident at an energy forum in Washington. "I am absolutely, deeply sorry that this ever happened," Ms. McCarthy said, according to The Associated Press.

On Aug. 5, a team contracted by the E.P.A. was investigating the Gold King Mine, an abandoned gold mine near Silverton, Colo., that had been leaking toxic water at varied rates for years. The goal was to figure out how to stop that leak. Instead, while using a backhoe, workers knocked away debris and unleashed an onslaught of orange-yellow water.

The toxic plume flowed into the Animas River and traveled south. On Tuesday, officials estimated it had reached Kirtland, N.M., more than 100 miles from the mine.

The spill caused levels of arsenic, lead and other metals to spike in the Animas River. Mr. Ostrander said Tuesday that in Durango, a city about 50 miles south of the mine, the river's toxicity had returned to "pretty much a pre-incident level."

Officials have closed the Animas and one of its tributaries, the San Juan River, for drinking, irrigation, fishing, rafting and other activities at least through Monday, affecting communities in southwest Colorado, northern New Mexico and the Navajo Nation.

At least seven public water systems that typically take water from these rivers and pump it into their water sources have stopped doing so. On the Navajo Nation, officials are hauling water to Montezuma Creek, Utah, and Halchita, Utah, two communities of a few hundred people that typically receive water from the San Juan, said Deenise Becenti, a spokeswoman for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

Households near the rivers that use wells are also at risk of contamination, officials have said. The E.P.A. continues to test water along the plume's path. The agency has not said whether the spill presents a health risk to humans and animals.

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**News Headline:** \$6 million grant to fund study of dams in New England | ..

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** ...or reduce safety risks. The project is an expansion of the New England Sustainability Consortium, adding Rhode Island to the partnership...

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**News Headline:** OSHA: Illinois company exposed Mexican workers to asbestos | .

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** ..."outrageous behavior" of bringing in Mexican workers to remove asbestos without safety gear warrants fines of nearly \$1.8 million....

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**News Headline:** West Nile found in Stratford |



**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

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